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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN LABOR LEADER CALLS ON DEPARTMENT

1. FRANCISCO SANTOS, SECGEN OF DOMINICAN CONFEDERACION GENERAL DE TRABAJADORES (CGT), CALLED ON DEPARTMENT (ARA HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISOR AND DOMINICAN DESK) SEPTEMBER 16 AT REQUEST OF CONGRESSMAN DONALDFRASER.

2. IN PRESENTATION ALONG LINES REPORTED IN "NEW YORK TIMES" SEPTEMBER 15 (SEPTEL), SANTOS CHARGED GULF AND WESTERN WITH INCITING DOMINICAN POLICE TO REPRESSION OF UNION, INCLUDING CLOSURE OF UNION OFFICES AND JAILING OF ACTIVISTS. HE ALSO CHARGED EMBASSY WITH INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF GULF AND WESTERN AGAINST UNION.

3. TO BACK CLAIM OF EMBASSY INTERVENTION, SANTOS SAID HE HAD COPY OF OCTOBER 1974 LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO FR. RICHARD ARMSTRONG PRAISING LABOR PRACTICES OF GULF AND WESTERN AND LABELLING CGT "LEFTIST-EXTREMIST" (WHICH
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SANTOS CLAIMED UNION IS NOT). SANTOS ALSO ASSERTED THAT

EMBOFF BUMPUS HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN MANEUVERS TO UNDERMINE
CGT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OFFERING U.S. VISAS TO SOME
UNION MEMBERS TO GET THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

4. PRESENTATION WAS LOW KEY AND NON-POLEMICAL IN TONE,
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGATIONS. IN
REPLY TO QUESTION, SANTOS SAID HIS UNION HAD NEVER
ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH EMBASSY SINCE IT WAS CON-
VINCED OF EMBASSY HOSTILITY. ROBINSON

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